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INVENTION: "METHOD FOR OVERLOAD CONTROL FOR A  
SWITCHING CENTER"

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**AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION**

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15 Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and  
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States  
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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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--SPECIFICATION

TITLE

"METHOD FOR OVERLOAD CONTROL FOR A SWITCHING CENTER"

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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The invention relates to a method for overload protection for an  
exchange, where neighboring exchanges are sent an overload congestion measure  
recognized network-wide.

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